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RSC Update: Can the President Force You to Buy Broccoli?

From the Chairman

The arguments against ObamaCare read like a laundry list of broken promises. If you like the plan you have, you can't necessarily keep it. Health care costs will keep going up, not down. Instead of creating jobs, ObamaCare will prevent job creation as small businesses avoid penalties and higher costs. Over one thousand waivers from the law went to politically connected special interests. And the cost to taxpayers will explode – not cut – the deficit.

There is one point, however, that trumps them all. ObamaCare takes away your freedom to make your own decisions. Our Constitution does not grant the Congress or the President of the United States the power to compel Americans to buy health insurance. If it did, you could just as easily be forced to buy broccoli – all in the name of health, of course. That is not the kind of country our Founders risked their lives to build.

Friday marks 2 years to the day since ObamaCare became law. And next Monday through Wednesday, the Supreme Court will hear arguments in the case challenging its constitutionality. I believe the Court will strike this law down when their decision is announced later this year, but they have certainly been wrong before.

Either way, we must keep up the pressure to fully repeal this government intrusion into your personal freedom.

God Bless,

Congressman Jim Jordan
Chairman, Republican Study Committee

RSC Media Activity – RSC members work hard to ensure that the conservative viewpoint is well-represented in all corners of the media. Visit our [Media Center](#) for more.

- Rep. Ed Royce (CA-40): [Over-regulation Dragging Down Capital Markets, Small Business](#); The Hill, March 14.
- Rep. Buck McKeon (CA-25): [How President Reagan's "Peace through Strength" Applies Today](#); Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, March 14.
- Rep. Tim Griffin (AR-02): [Job Creators Need a Break from President Obama's Aggressive Regulatory Agenda](#); The Saline Courier, March 14.

- Rep. Trey Gowdy (SC-04): [Government Cannot Regulate Beliefs](#); Politico, March 15.
- Rep. Todd Rokita (IN-04): [Congress Needs to Block-Grant Medicaid to States](#); Human Events, March 16.
- Rep. Steve King (IA-05) with Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC): [End Obamacare, Don't Mend It](#); Washington Times, March 19.
- The RSC produced "[Chart: Your Tax Dollars At Waste](#)" based on the Government Accountability Office's reports of duplicative federal programs where taxpayers could potentially save \$400 billion every year.

RSC Member Activity – RSC members make it a priority to introduce productive, conservative solutions for America's future.

- Rep. John Fleming (LA-04) [sent a letter](#) to Obama Administration to warn states that threaten federal conscience protection laws.

Outlook – A quick look at what's on the horizon.

- The Senate will debate the House-approved [JOBS Act](#) this week, including an amendment to renew and expand the Export-Import Bank.
- The House Budget Committee will release its proposed budget for the coming year on Tuesday.
- Also on Tuesday, the House is scheduled to vote on H.R. 665, the *Excess Federal Building and Property Disposal Act*, which would require the federal government to begin selling off excess properties and send most of the proceeds to the general treasury fund.
- On Wednesday and Thursday, the House is scheduled to take up debate on H.R. 5, the *Protecting Access to Healthcare (PATH) Act*, which would enact federal medical malpractice reforms and repeal an ObamaCare-created 15-member board (known as IPAB) that will determine what care is available to many Americans.
- President Obama will travel to Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Ohio to discuss gas prices and energy Wednesday and Thursday.
- This Friday marks two years to the day since ObamaCare became law. The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the legal case against ObamaCare next week (March 26-28).

RSC Reports

- Stay up to date on budget and spending news with [reports](#) from the RSC Budget and Spending Task Force.
- Check out the [RSC Sunset Caucus'](#) work to shrink the size of government and the [Repeal Task Force's](#) work to eliminate bad laws and regulations.
- House rules now require sponsors of legislation to provide a Constitutional Authority Statement that explains how Congress has the constitutionally-derived authority to enact their proposals. Click here to see liberals' [highly questionable attempts](#).

- Read the [RSC Money Monitor](#) to track how bills passed by the House affect budget authorizations, mandatory spending, and federal government revenue.

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